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Reporters Group's \$2 Million Fund Effort Collapses

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A campaign intended to raise a \$2 million endowment for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press has collapsed following long administrative delays and the Daniel Schorr controversy.

"It really expired on its own. . . . The thing got so bogged down in administrative stuff," said Jack Landau, executive director of the troubled committee.

The effort to raise an endowment was announced 21 months ago as a means to provide some financial security for the reporter-run legal aid and research group.

The campaign was headed by Arthur Taylor, president of CBS, Inc. Landau said Taylor declined to continue in late July, citing repeated delays in getting started. The committee had yet to send out its first mailing soliciting money.

CBS did contribute about \$50,000 to the committee, Landau said.

The controversy involving CBS reporter Schorr broke in February when he was identified as the source of a version of the House Intelligence Committee report leaked to a New York weekly, the Village Voice, which published it. Schorr has been suspended from reporting duties pending outcome of the episode.

Also revealed at the time was a plan whereby the nonprofit committee would share in the proceeds earned by publication of the report. No proceeds were realized, but a controversy did materialize over the appropriate role for the committee and what kind of procedures it should use.

Landau said the Schorr episode did not contribute directly to the failure of endowment campaign. "I don't think it had much affect one way or another," he said. What it did indicate, he said, was that the committee isn't yet capable of managing the kind of tasks required for such an undertaking.

In any event, Landau said the committee would continue as before soliciting contributions for its operating budget. He said those contributions are running somewhat ahead of last year's level. The committee's budget last year was some \$96,000.

FLYNT: I KNOW LEAK'S SOURCE

Associated Press

House Ethics Committee Chairman John J. Flynt says he thinks the panel knows who leaked a secret House intelligence committee report to CBS newsman Daniel Schorr.

Flynt would not disclose the individual's name because he said the committee can't prove the person did it.

The Georgia Democrat made the statement yesterday before the committee voted 7-1 to ask the House for another \$100,000 to complete its investigation and report on who gave the now-defunct Select House Intelligence Committee's final report to Schorr.

The lone dissenting vote was cast by Rep. Albert Quie, R-Minn., who said the committee's decision Thursday to subpoena Schorr could lead to a confrontation between freedom of the press and Congress' power to investigate.

When Flynt asked if he thought only Schorr could say who leaked the report, Quie replied that the person who leaked it also could but "we don't know how to finger that person."

"Don't you think we've already done it?" Flynt asked.

Schorr acknowledged he was responsible for publication of the committee's report by the Village Voice, a New York weekly, after the House voted to keep it secret.